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Dear Mr. Wilson:

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SUBMISSION DATE FOR THE UPDATED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) WORK PLAN FOR THE 200-PW-2 OPERABLE UNIT (OU)

This letter is in response to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter to Clifford E. Clark, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), from John B. Price, "Comments on 200-PW-2 Work Plan, Draft A (DOE/RL-2000-60)," dated March 6, 2001. As a follow-on to discussions between RL and Ecology staff, an extension is required for the submittal of the updated 200-PW-2 OU RI/FS. Regulator comments for this work plan were received on March 8, 2001 and RL's intent was to revise the document and submit it as Revision 0 by May 8, 2001. 54531

During the annual review of priorities for performing 200 Area waste site investigations held April 23, 2001, two additional Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) sites (216-A-37-1 Crib and 207-A South Retention Basin) were proposed for inclusion into the 200-PW-2 OU Work Plan. RL is moving forward with incorporation of the sites into the 200-PW-2.

Inclusion of the two RCRA TSD sites will impact the completion of the 200-PW-2 document. Text and schedule revisions in the work plan and in Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) change requests that will accompany the updated work plan are required. The updated document and Tri-Party Agreement Change Requests will be submitted to both lead regulatory agencies no later than June 1, 2001. This date exceeds the 60-day response allowed for in Tri-Party Agreement Section 9.0, Documentation and Records.

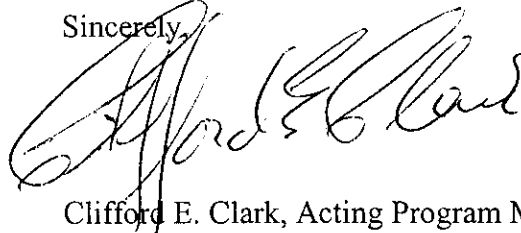
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Your approval/concurrence with this extension is requested. Please indicate your approval by signing the concurrence line on page two of this letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Alex Teimouri of my staff, at (509) 376-6222.

Sincerely,



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Approval

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